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First, The Letter sent by the Queenes
Majestie concerning the collection of the Recusants
Money for the Scottish War, April 17. 1639.

Secondly, The Letter sent by Sir Kenelme Digby, and Mr.
Mountague, concerning the contribution.

Thirdly, The Letter sent by those assembled in *London*, to
every shire.

Fourthly, The names of the Collectors in each County in
England and *Wales*.

AND,

Fifthly, The Message sent from the Queenes Maje-
stie to the House of Commons by Master Comptroller
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WE have so good a beliefe of the loyaltie and affection of his Majesties Catholique Subjects, as we doubt not but upon this occasion, that hath called his Majesty into the Northerne parts for the defence of his Honour and dominions, they will expresse themselves so affected as we have alwaies represented them to his Majestie; So in this common consent, which hath appeared in the Nobilitie Judges, Gentry, and others, to forward his Majesties service by their persons & states, we have made no difficulty to answer for the same correspondency in his Catholique Subjects, as Catholiques: Notwithstanding they all have already concurred to this his Majesties service, according to the qualities whereof they are, when others of the same quality were called upon. For we beleve that it became us, who have been so often interested in the solicitation of their benefits, to shew our selves now in the perswasion of their gratitudes. Therefore having already by his Majestie by other meanes recommended to them this earnest desire of ours to assist and serve his Majestie, by some considerable summe of money, freely and cheerefully presented: We have thought fit (to the end that this our desire, may be the more publique and the more authorized) hereby to give you Commission and direction to distribute Coppies under your hand of this restitution thereof, unto those that have met in *London* by our direction, about this businesse: And unto the severall Collectors of every County. And as we presume the summe they will raise will not be unworthy our presenting to the King; so shall we be very sensible of it, as a particular respect to our selves, and will endeavour in the most efficacious manner we can to improve the merit of it, and to remove any apprehension of prejudice, that any (who shall imploy themselves towards the successe of this businesse) may conceive; by this they may be assured that we will secure them from all such objected inconveniences: And we are very confident that this our first recommendation will be so complied withall, as may not onely afford us particular satisfaction, but also, facilitation towards their owne advantages.

Given under our Signet at White-Hall this 17. of Aprill, 1639.

Sir Kenelme Digby and Mr. Mountagues Letter concerning the contribution.

IT is sufficient already known to every one, the extraordinary Graces and protection we owe the Queenes Majesty, to whose favourable intercession we must ascribe the happy moderation we live under: So as we doubt not, but an occasion of the expression of our gratitudes will joyfully be embraced

braced by every body, which the present estate of his Maiesties affaires, doth now offer us. We have already by our former letters indeavoured to prepare you to a cheerefull assistance of his Maiestie in his declared journey to the Northerne parts, for the securing of his Kingdome, and such other purposes as his Royall wisdoms shall resolve of: That so you may really demonstrate your selves as good subjects, as God and nature requires of you. Now her Maiestie hath been graciously pleased to recommend unto us the expressions of our duties, and zeale to his Maiesties service by some considerable gift from the Catholiques. And to remove all scruples (that even well affected persons may meet with) she undertakes to secure us, and all that shall imploy themselves in this businesse, from any inconvenience that may be suspected by their or our forwardnesse and declaration in this kind. It will easly appeare to every bodie how much it imports us, in our sense of her Maiesties desires to presse every bodie to strain himselfe even to his best abilities in this proposition; since by it we shall certainly preserve her graciousnesse to us, and give good Characters of our devotion to the King and State, of whose benigntie we have all reason to give testimonies and to endeavour to produce arguments for the prosecution and increase of it.

Now for the best expedition of this businesse (which is the chiefe circumstance that importeth in it) we have thought fit to recommend it to your nominations of such persons as shall in your opinions be agreed of for the ablest and best disposed in every severall County, not onely to sollicite but to collect such voluntary contributions, as every bodies conscience and duty shall proffer: And we shall desire you to give us an account of w^t at acceptation his friends, which we cannot but expect very successfull, and answerable to the forwardnesse we meet with here about London, for which we shall offer up our prayer to God.

W. Mountague.

Ke. Digby.

The Coppy of the Letter sent by those Assembled in London, to every Shire.

THe inclosed advices and motives being so ample, as you will perceive by perusing them, it will not be needfull that we enlarge our selves upon any particulars concerning the conduct of the busines, which they direct the way in. This therefore serveth onely to convey them to you, (as we are intreated by those that have met here, and have undertaken to doe) and desite you to repaire immediately unto those persons to whom they be directed, and to deliver the same unto them in the name of all the Noble men and Gentry (together with our selves) assembled hereat London by the Queens commandement to set forward this worke. And we pray you assure them in the most efficacious manner you

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can (ingaging all our credits for the trust thereof) that it is the sense of us all, both Ecclesiasticall and Lay persons, that besides the discharging of their and our duties to God and the King, it mainly importeth the good of Catholics to have their businesse take good successe. Therefore intreat them to deale actively and efficaciously, and speedily according to these advices and motives. We are so well perswaded of their devotion to put forward so pious a worke, that we doubt not but they will be as well satisfied in the needfulnesse of the thing, and be as ready to imploy themselves in it, receiving the assurance thereof, and perswasions therunto, onely from our hands, as if they came by all the most formall waies that can be imagined; which in a busines of this nature cannot be expected. And although the advices & motives be directed only to lay Gentlemen yet we desire you, (and have answered for you) that you will imploy your selves and all those that depend on you, sincerely to sollicite and dispose all their mindes that you have relation unto, as powerfully as you can, to contribute cheerfully and bountifully upon this occasion; which is the first that ever we laboured in of this kind, so wee hope in God it will be the last: there being no probability of so pressing and urgent anecessity to occurre any more.

London, April 1639.

Yours, &c.

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The names of the Collectors for gathering the Recusants money.

Bedfordshire.

Master Church, St. Robert Charnock,
Mr. Robert Hewet.

Barkshire.

M. Anthony Inglefield, Mr. Tirrell.

Buckinghamshire.

Mr. Robert Dormer, Sir Edward
Manfield, Mr. Throgmorton, M. Bring-
hurst.

Cambridgeshire.

Mr. Henry Huddleston, Mr. Charles
Paynes, Mr. Barker.

Cheshire.

Mr. Bidulph of Bidulph, Sir William
Masse, Mr. William Stanley, Mr.
James Poole.

Cornwall.

Mr. Viſtor, M. Burlacey, M. Trevilian.

Cumberland.

Sir Francis Howard, Mr. Ioseph
Porter.

Darbyshire.

Sir Francis Willoughby, Mr. Aere of
Haflop, M. Poole of Spinckill.

Devonshire.

Sir Edward Carey, Mr. Berry, Mr.
Anthony Gifford, Dr. Chichester.

Dorsetshire.

M. George Penny the elder, Master
George Arundell, M. Webbe of Lan-
ford, M. Wells of Purbecke.

Durham.

Sir Ralph Conners, Mr. George Col-
lingwood, Mr. Edward Smith.

Essex.

Mr. Willam Peters, Mr. Thomas

Wright, Mr. Richard White.

Glocestershire.

Sir Iohn Winter, Mr. Wakeman, Mr.
Benedict Hall, Mr. Atkinson.

Hertfordshire.

Huntingtonshire.

Mr. Price of Walsingley, St. Tho-
mas Sherley, M. Thomas Cotton.

Herefordshire.

Mr. William Bodenhum, Sir Iohn
Wigmore, Mr. William Moore of Bur-
top, Mr. John Harp.

Hampshire.

Mr. John Arundell, Mr. George Pen-
ny the younger, Mr. William Owen.

Kent.

Mr. Benjamin Wyborne, Mr. Clement
Finch, Mr. Pettite.

Lancashire.

Mr. Bradshaw, Sir Cecill Crayford,
Sir William Gerrard, Mr. Molineaux
of the wood, Mr. Townley of Town-
ley, Mr. Anderton of Lostock.

Lecestershire.

Sir Francis Englefield, Mr. Golding.

Lincolneshire.

Mr. Anthony Mounson, Sir John
Thymbleby Mr. Robert Constable.

London and Middlesex.

Mr. Cape, Mr. Thomas Rox, Mr. Bec-
ket, Mr. Richard Betham, Mr. Edw.
Harpe, Mr. Morgan, Mr. John Chap-
perley, Dr. Kirton.

Norfolke.

Mr. Everard, Mr. Charles Walgrave,
Sir

Sir Hen. Beddingfield, Mr. Will. Pafson
Northamptonshire.

Sir William Saunders, Mr. John
Poulton.

Nottinghamshire.

Mr. Thomas Smith the elder, Mr
Thomas Smith the younger.

Northumberland.

Sir William Fenwick, Mr. Haggar-
son, Mr. Wilbrington, Sir Edward
Ratliffe.

Oxfordshire.

Sir Richard Farmer of Kiddington,
Mr. Will. Stone, M. Ralph Sheldon.

Rutlandshire.

Mr. Nicholas Crippey, Mr. William
Andrewes, Mr. Alcocke, Mr. James
Digby.

Shropshire.

Sir Basill Brooke, Mr. Plowden, Mr.
John Harrington.

Somersetshire.

Mr. Rayno, M. Job. Ewnis, the elder.

Staffordshire.

Mr. Brook of Lapley, Mr. Stamford
of Perry Hall, M. Philip Drycar,

Surrey

Mr. Edw. Cotton, Sir Rich. Weston.

Suffex.

Sir John Shelle, Sir John Carroll.

Suffolke.

Sir Francis Monnocke, Sir Roger
Martin, Sir Edward Sylyard, Mr. Tho.
Beddingfield of Beddingfield.

Warwickshire.

Mr. Anthony Dormer, Mr. Thomas
Morgan, M. William Sheldon, Mr.
Richard Middlemore.

Wiltshire.

Mr. William Arundell, the Lord

Baltimore, Mr. Edw. Sinking,
Worcestershire.

Mr. William Abingdon, Mr. William
Sheldon.

Westmerland.

Mr. Anthony Ducket, Mr. John
Leyborne, M. Fleming.

Yorkeshire.

East Riding. The Lord Dunbarre,
Mr. Brigham, Mr. Longdail.

West Riding. Baronet Vavasor,
Baronet Gascoigne, Mr. Thomas Wa-
terton, Mr. Philip Hungate.

North Riding. Mr. Craythorne the
younger, the Lord Fairfax, Mr. An-
thony Mennell, Mr. Laurence Sare.

Isle of Wight. ————

Anglesey. ————

Brecknocke.

Mr. Winter, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Mad-
docke.

Carnarvon.

Mr. Lewis.

Caermarden. Mr. Towly.

Cardigan. Mr. Lewis.

Glamorgan. Mr. Turberville the yon-
ger.

Denbigh.

Mr. Richard Floyd, Mr. Crew.

Flintsh.

Sir John Counoway, Mr. Pennat,
Monmouth.

Sir Charles Sommerfet, Mr. Mor-
gan of Lantarnam, Mr. Morgan of
Itton.

Mountgomery.

Sir Piercy Herbert.

Merioneth. ————

Pembrookesh.

Mr. Towly of Arnoftill.

Radnorshi.

Mr. Thomas Crowther.

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A Message sent from the Queenes Ma^{tie}
to the House of Common, by Mr. Comptroller.

Febr. 5. 1640.

That her Majesty hath been ready to use her best endeavour for the removing of all mis-understanding betweene the King and kingdom.

That at the request of the Lords, who petitioned the King for a Parliament, her Majesty at that time writ effectually to the King, and sent a Gentleman expressly to perswade the King to the holding of a Parliament.

That she hath since beene most willing to doe all good offices betwixt the King and his people, which is not unknowne to divers of the Lords, and so shall ever continue to doe as judging it the only way of happinesse to the King, her selfe and kingdom.

That all things be justly settled between the King and his people; and all causes of mis-understanding taken away and removed.

That her Majesty having taken a knowledge, that having one sent to her from the Pope, is distastefull to the kingdom, shee is desirous to give satisfaction to the Parliament, within convenient time shee will remove him out of the kingdom.

That understanding likewise that exception hath beene taken to the great resort to her Chappell at Denmarke house, she wilbe careful not to exceed that w^{ch} is convenient & necessary for the exercise of her Religion.

She further taketh notice that the Parliament is not satisfied with the manner of raising money for the assistance of the King in his journey to the North, in the year 1639, at her intreaty from the Catholikes, she was moved thereto merely out of her deare and tender affection to the King, and the example of other his Majesties subjects; shee seeing the like forwardnesse would not but expresse her forwardnesse to the assistance of the King.

If any thing be illegal, she was ignorant of the Law, and was carried therein onely out of a great desire to be assisting to the King in so pressing an occasion, but promisseth to be more cautious hereafter, not to doe any thing but what may stand with the established lawes of the kingdom.

Her Majesty being desirous to employ her owne power to unite the King and people, and desireth the Parliament to looke forwards, and passe by such mistakes and errors of her servants as may be formerly, and this your respect shee promisseth shall be repay'd with all the good offices shee can doe to the House, which you shall finde with reall effects as often as there shall be occasion.

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